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a sense of time passing...

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Jim Slavas, Selectman

On October 25th, Wendell voters cast ballots for a Selectman's seat left vacant by the resignation of Edward Boland. Running unopposed, James Slavas of Old Egypt Rd. pulled 90 votes against 4 different write in votes.

Slavas said,"I was pleased by the turnout and support of the vote." He indicated his desire to be in touch with those he serves and offered his phone No. (413 367-2175) and his address - Box 81, Wendell, MA 01379.

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Wendell leads State...

Mass. Nuclear Referendum Campaign Coordinator Al Giordano announced that Wendell led the state in affirmative response to question #3. Nearly 70% of Wendell citizens voting in the Nov.2 election approved voter involvement in the determination of waste processing plant and new nuclear power plant location.

Post office update

The Wendell Depot Post Office was the subject of a well-attended mid November hearing held at the Wendell Townhall. Three Post Office officials, Mr. Calabrase, Mr. Fisher, and Mr D'Anglantonio came to In their words," hear feedback about how to give (future) service to those citizens now served by the Wendell Depot Post Office. Also in attendance at the head table was Chairman Ted Lewis,Wendell Postmaster,Gladys Powling and Annie Hartjens, and Orange Postmaster, Ray Mongraiu.

The mission of the P.O. officials was to determine the Wendell Citizenry's sentiments, and to carry those feelings back to those who will be making the determination about whether or not the Wendell Depot P.O. will continue to exist in its present form. Final decision rests with a commision in Washington. The Wendell Depot P.O. is being reviewed subsequent to Post Master Lillian Gibbs' death. The three gentlemen stressed that "the U.S. Postal Service is not unilaterally taking a position against small post offices", and that "No committment or decision has yet been made regarding the Wendell Depot P.O. They did admit that economic concerns are a criteria for evaluation. The officials came prepared to explain alternative means of Postal Service,such as Star Rt. deliver or a private contract bid for a community P.O. concept, following a model such as Heath has set up.

Selectboard Chairman Ted Lewis told the meeting that the Selectmen have requested that the Wendell Depot P.O. remain . The Selectboard has gotten the Post Office to promise to notify the Board prior to any final decision. Said Selectman Lewis, "If they close the Wendell Depot Post Office, and Ihope to God they don't, cutting off the Post Office would isolate Wendell even more."

The large crowd of more than 50 spent well over an hour speaking out in favor of the Wendell Depot P.O.; voicing their pride and appreciation of a sense of uniqueness t they feel about the small P.O. and community gathering place. It was brought out that the P.O. served quite a large area, including the town of Warwick and parts of Northfield, orange and Erving, and is a business that is showing growth. Few showed much interest in alternative plans, as vividly evidenced by the great applause Del Williston received when she said simply "Leave well enough alone, Go back and tell 'em!"

Annie Hartjens is currently running the Wendell Depot P.O.,and is willing to co continue in that capacity. Said Joe Hartjens, "We are looking to lease or buy the building." Joe adds that "not only do people feel that Wendell Depot is unique, in fact it is. There are other Wendells in the country, but there is no other place in the world bearing the name Wendell Depot."

Anyone with questions or feedback may contact the Hartjens' or the Wendell Selectboard.

by Kathy Becker

Report from: Wendell's Administrative Assistant

BY Rita Farrell

Given the limits of time and space, I am going to limit this month's column to a description of the Nine-Town Housing Rehabilitation Program. As I mentioned in my previous column, Wendell is one of nine towns participating in a housing rehabilitation/weatherization program. This program will assist low and moderate income homeowners and investor-owners with low and moderate income tenants, in upgrading existing properties to state code criteria and in improving energy retention.

The following is a partial list of the types of activities that the program will undertake: replacement of older or overloaded wiring, roof repairs or new roof, ceiling or wall repairs, new siding or repair, storm windows and insulation, installation of ramps for disabled persons, floor replacement, lead paint removal, septic systems, wells, etc. The eligible applicant will choose his/her own contractor to do the repairs.

The rehab. money will be loaned at affordable rates based on each family's income and expenses. The preferred loan amount will be an average of $4,000 per housing unit.

The income guidelines for the program are as follows:

Gross Income Limits	# of persons in family			
1	2	3	4	5
$13,450	15,350	17,300	19,200	20,400
6	7	8		
$21,600	22,800	24,00		

If you are interested in more information or would like to apply for a loan, contact me, Rita Farrel on any Monday, Thursday or Friday at 544-3636.

Local Election Results

NEW SALEM AND WENDELL
VOTE STATE AND NATIONAL

OFFICE AND CANDIDATE	New Salem	Wendell
District Attorney		
Thomas Simons (R)	203	93
Michael Ryan (D)	109	136
State Senator		
Robert Wetmore (D)	158	140
Judith Hanmer (R)	146	84
Clerk of Courts		
Thomas Merrigan (D)	203	111
Helen Pekenia (R)	109	116
Governor - Lt.Gov.		
Dukakis - Kerry (D)	152	182
Sears - Lombardi (R)	157	51
Rich - Davies (I)	7	4
Shipman - MacConnel (L)	0	4
U.S. Senate		
Edward Kennedy (D)	142	166
Ray Shamie (R)	178	69
Howard Katz (L)	3	8

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS		New Salem	Wendell
#1 School Funding	Yes	61	76
	No*	242	157
#2 Death Penalty	Yes*	169	105
	No	137	132
#3 Nuclear Facilities Citing	Yes*	231	205
	No	75	33
#4 Bottle Bill	Yes*	239	190
	No	75	51
#5 Arms Freeze	Yes*	233	196
	No	75	31
ELECTED*			
Turnout Percentage		$\frac{323}{413}$=78.2%	$\frac{244}{390}$=62.5%

Post Brunch

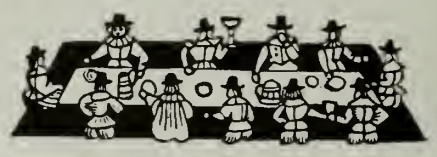
There was no October issue of the Wendell Post. The "Post" is planning a brunch in early January for any interested readers and contributers. We will have a meeting at the same time to discuss the future of the "Post". We need people to write, do production work and lots of other things. If interested at all please call Anne Diemand at 544-7347 or Michael Idoine at 544-2623 or Kathy Becker at 544-2086

PRESS Wendell Post Reporter

Thankyou, Faith

Faith Diemand leaves us now as Advertiser, after more than a year of volunteering in this critical position. "The Wendell Post" has benefited from her graceful manner and her dependability. The survival of the paper depends upon the advertising support of local businesses. Thus, we have appreciated the careful attention Faith has given to this area. Faith continues to aid the "Wendell Post" by offering us a temporary home in her attic, saving us from being a kitchen table operation until the day we build The Post Palace. Faith continues to assist with layout. We have leaned on Faith and are grateful for the generous giving of her limited time.

Faith brings Lisa Aubin in to fill the Advertising role. Lisa has worked on the "Post" for a long time in other ways. We are excited to be left again with a solid person in the advertising dept.



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Highway Dept. Status Report

Recently, Highway Boss Thomas Bardsley allowed himself to be interviewed, per request of the "W. Post", in order to offer a look at the present condition of the roads in Wendell, and the status of the functioning of the Highway Dept. itself. (1/2 sp.) He began by outlining the major complished over the summer by the Dept., including additional projects. He went on to summarize significant internal affairs, winter-readiness, plans for the future, a set-back, plus additional thoughts.

Major Accomplishments over the Summer:

Mormon Hollow Rd. - 2 miles drainage work, guard rails, culvert cleaning (entire length), road patching, 2 mi. re-sealing, cost: $13,500, 75% reimbursed Chapt. 90.

Farley Road - re-sealed 3/4 mi., $3,000, culverts, re-sealing whole of Farley Hill, (Town Approp.)

West St. - drainage, entire length, 1+ 3/4 mi. re-seal, cost: 75% Chapt. 90, $9,500.

Wendell Depot Rd. - (E. New Salem Rd. to Wendell Depot) - drainage, clean culverts, re-seal 1 3/4 mi., guard rails, cost: $12,000 100% reimburs. Chapt. 90.

Wendell Dept Rd.- (Williston's to Maple Valley School) - ½ mi. paving, cost: $15,500 100% reimburs. Chapt. 90.

Locksvillage Rd. - drainage, removed protruding large rocks, (Town approp., Summer Maint. Fund)

New Salem Rd. - drainage.

E. New Salem Rd. - some drainage work, culverts replaced, widening of road & trees cut on steep hill by Hogerheide"s, allowing safer passage, in cooperation with the Hogerheides.

Dirt Roads - all dirt roads were graded and maint. through summer, gravel applied as needed.

Additional Major Projects:

Bullard Pasture Rd. - completed an old unfinished job up by Lincoln Soule's driveway.

Cooleyville Rd. - put in a 20 ft., 36 in. wide culvert at a wash out by a swamp.

Work was concentrated on the roads in the worst condition.

Under other jobs completed, Tom highlighted an inventory of materials on hand, and cleaning up of the garage yard, as well as a lot of vehicle maintenance. In addition, a great amount of time has been devoted to setting up a bookkeeping system for the Dept. Selectboard Clerk, Harry Williston, worked with Tom's wife, Gail, to establish a system for recording the complexities of payrolls, various accounts, and contracts, etc. Gail is pleased with the system: "You can go through and find anything; an improvement over the way it was - manilla envelopes." Tom finds the bookkeeping system useful as an easy referral, "I can see every dime."

Tom feels that good progress has been made on the roads this summer. He points to the free-to-the-town C.E.T.A. crew who worked for 8 weeks on the roads this summer as a "tremendous help" in culvert clearing, digging out leaves, brush cutting and cleaning up around Town buildings. The part-time help worked hard: John Larett, Wade Powling, Rick Drohen and Bob Bowers. "Without them it would just be me and Bradley." Bradley Merchant is the full-time man of some ten years experience, who has Tom's high regard and respect as a competant worker, able to "go off and work independently on his own project, while I supervise something else."

Tom anticipates for next year that work will be needed on Locksvillage Rd., draining and re-sealing. He is also concerned about Locke-Hill #1 and #2, and Morse Village Rd., but he is cautious about laying out definite plans, saying, "It all depends on town appropriations and state funding."

A big set-back for the Wendell Highway Dept. was the recent break-in. Taken were $2,500-$3,000 worth of tools, both chain saws, bench grinders. Entry was gained by smashing in a rear window of the building. The break-in is currently under investigation by the W.P.D. Says Tom, "The guys bring tools from home in the day and take them home at night....you still have to keep going."

Asked how he is doing working with the rest of the town, he had this to say, "I think relationships are good with the town dept. As for the Selectboard, he said, "I've had my ups and downs. Fortunately, we've been able to iron things out. I think we're working on a good relationship. They've been pretty helpful with alot of things, especially with meetings on the Farley Bridge. They've worked hard."

Tom seems eager for the winter work to begin. Winter preparations to date include stocking up on sand and salt. The building of a salt storage shed has been hired out to David White and Son for under $2,000. A new snowplow is expected to arrive this week. The International and the two Ford dump trucks have been receiving much attention, including new tires. All the sanders are presently on the trucks, and there are new blades. Tom says, "We're ready to go for winter. All we need is snow."

One comment Tom did want to include is that he has appreciated when people have called to report problems. "If we hear about a problem, we can schedule it into our work and take care of it." He finds the calls helpful and hopes that people will continue to let the Dept. know when difficulties arise.

Response to this article in the form of letters or requests for interviews are invited regarding the Wendell Highway Dept. Remember that all letters need to be signed.

by Kathy Becker

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Wendell Free Library Notes

A big thank you goes to Mrs. Lauro and the Golden Agers for the $100.00 they have contributed to Friends of the Library. The money will help defray costs of preserving historical documents.

To help celebrate the holiday season, the library will have several film shows and will sponsor Disney cartoons at the Ladies Aid Christmas Party.

Tues., Dec. 28 - 7:00- 9:30 p.m. for adults "The Gospel According to St. Matthew" directed by Pier Paolo Pasolini, using rugged Sicilian landscapes and non-professional actors. This is a realistic re-creation of the events narrated in the first gospel.

Wed., Dec. 29 - 2:00 -3:30 p.m. children and pre-teens two Michen Monse cartoons and"Rabbit Hill", an hour long color story about life for animals on Rabbit Hill when humans move into a big and plant a garden.

Tues., Jan. 18- 2:00-3:00 p.m. for children and pre-teens "A Fable" starring the premier mime, Marcel Marceau. "The Red Balloon" a fantasy about a boy who befriends a balloon in Paris. "Dr. Doolittle's Trip to Africa" cartoon by animation pioneer, Lottle Reininger.

Wed., Jan 19 - 7:00-8:00 p.m. for adults "Living The Good Life" A look at Helen and Scott Nearing, authors of the book by that name, who are pioneers in natural living and self sufficiency. "Old Quabbin Valley" examines the land taking in Western Mass. that eliminated nearly four towns in the 1930's in order to create the Quabbin Reservoir.

Please help us collect data on the library's services by filling out a survey form available in the library. We are looking forward to purchasing a new set of encyclopedias in the near future. Your comments and requests are always welcomed.

Tina Cohen

Chimney Fires-No Thanks!

by Anne Diemand

It's getting to be winter time again, cold weather outside and warm fires inside. A reminder from the Wendell Fire Dept. - Be sure to have your chimney cleaned and your stove pipe taken apart and cleaned.

Also, when taking the ashes out of your wood stove or pipe, please be careful of the container you put them in. If it is plastic or paper ,it can, and probably will, burn. Once you take your ashes outside, be careful of where you put them, If it's next to your house or garage or barn, the wind might carry sparks to your burnable buildings. Let's all try to make this a safe winter.

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Tom Carey
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New Salem
Faye Rd

New Salem Special Town Meeting

by Michael Idoine

On Monday, November 15, before town meeting, there was a public meeting with the Town Assessors dealing with taxation and the possible implementation of classification. Presently, residential, commercial, industrial and personal properties are all taxed at the same rate,(approx. 17.3 %.) The classification proposal would lo lower property taxes by $1:00 per $1,000 (or from 17.3 % to 16.1%) and in turn raise commercial, industrial and personal properties approximately by 50.% . The consensus of the majority was to continue present assessments so as not to penalise small businesses in town. However, it was also suggested that the assessors continue to work on the revaluation of the lands that the utility companies use, so that the evaluation of their properties are comparable to the rest of the town's.

At Special Town Meeting it was voted to appropriate $40,000 from free cash to be used by the assessors to reduce the tax rate. It was also voted to use $1,240 to reduce the tax rate. It was also voted to use $1240 from the Fire Dept's budget to purchase a new radio for a fire truck. Although it was rejected to turn the street light in front of the Town Hall back on, $75.00 was appropriated from available fund funds to install a timer on the light. It was voted that a committee of three, to be appointed by town moderator, Bob Henderson, work with Highway Supervisor, Ralph Hunt, to explore and evaluate construction alternatives for the portion of Neilson Road surrounding Bears Den. This committee will report its findings back to the town at annual meeting. A stipulation of monies not to exceed $3,300 for the reconstruction was also approved.

After town meeting an announcement was made by the board of selectmen concerning Monday evening appoints. No one will be seen before 7:30, and requests for appointments should be made in advance.

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daily
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New Salem Posting Place

New Salem Christmas Potluck

The Annual Christmas Potluck Supper, sponsored by the fire department will be held on Wednesday, December 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a dish. Children through the sixth grade will receive presents from Santa.

New Salem "Friends" Forming

by Corine Emgee

"What are friends for?" Have you ever asked someone that? A group of New Salem people have formed a core group in an effort to establish a Friends of the New Salem Library. Friends groups exist throughout the state and the country, and range from small informal gatherings of volunteers to large well organized non-profit organizations. The long term goals of Friends groups is essentially the same - to help the library in any way possible. But the varieties of projects and volunteer services provided for and done in behalf of libraries are as different as the people who make up the friends groups.

The New Salem Friends group has not been formally established since it plans to have its first large general membership meeting late this winter or early next spring.What the group is doing is writing its by-laws and designing application forms, book marks, posters and fliers as part of its membership drive. The Friends are also looking for some well-known author who might visit New Salem and speak in front of the group at its first annual event to open the season and get the group "off the ground".

Working on by-laws are Joyce Shortt, Nancy Grossman, Alice Clune and Corrine Emge. Publicity in the form of application forms, by-laws and other materials has been designed and worded by Pam Perrell, Becky Nichols and Corrine Emge. There is lots of work to do to get ready for our big membership meeting and winter/spring event. If you want to join us now, if you have ideas, energy, or even money for our treasury, call Corrine at 544-7184.

The monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Becky Nichols, North Main St., New Salem.

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From our files is a photo by Lew Becker taken at a drill, the intentional burning of an old barn on the Judice's property on New Salem Rd. Left to right: Anne Diemand, Vic Coy, and Chief Everett Ricketts

Fire-fighting Mini Course

If you've gone past the Wendell Fire Station on Monday nights this fall you may have noticed a lot of activity. We have been taking an eight week mini-course on Basic Fire Fighting.

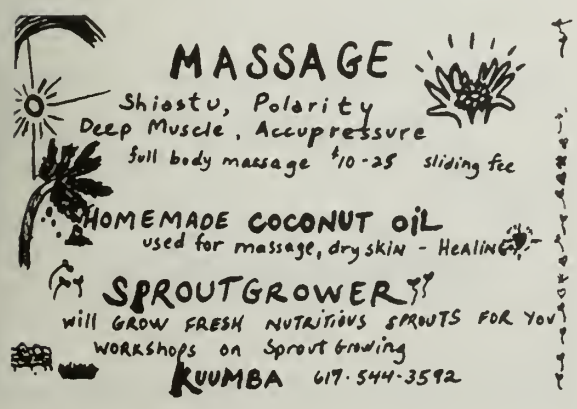
We've been taught a lot of the basics - some things were a review and a whole lot seemed to be a new and better way to do things - a new way to lay 200 feet of hose on the truck so just one firefighter could pull it off and go with it, where as before it used to take at least two firefighters to do this. We learned about air tanks, fold-a-tanks, ladders, nozzles, fire extinguishers and friction loss-conversion to mention a few subjects we covered. We even got a chance to use our new tanker on a pump and relay drill. Great Truck!

I asked around to the other fire fighters about what they thought of the mini- course. Everyone I spoke with thought it was one of the best classes they had ever taken on fire fighting. There were new fire fighters who felt very lucky to be taking this as their first course on fire fighting.

The fire fighters taking the mini-course were: Tom Bardsley, Kathy Becker, Bob Bowers, Forrest Carey, Anne Diemand, John Larrett, Everett Ricketts, Jimi Two-Feathers, David White, Jeff Willard, and Harry Williston, all of Wendell; Robert Escott,Jr. of Turners Falls; Thomas Campbell and Donald Crouse of Gill.

A special thanks to Joe Jarvis and Glen Trim of the Ware Fire Dept. for a great class.

Anne Diemand



Remember Last Winter?

Remember last winter, when your car was buried under a snowdrift, and the roads were under six inches of ice? And you had to get to the supermarket, the laundromat, or the bank? This winter there will be an alternative. Jimi Two Feathers of Montague Road is proposing to set up a cooperative transportation service. He will run his Rainbow Bus once a week from Wendell Center to Greenfield and back, leaving in the morning and returning some time in the late afternoon. He is requesting suggestions from interested Wendellites as to what day(s) and time(s) would best suit your needs. He sees this service as a good way, also, for people in Wendell to help out their elderly neighbors, or anyone else who may need some help shopping. Please call 544-2978 with comments or suggestions. Remember, this will only happen if we in Wendell show sufficient interest and support.

New Salem Academy

by Nat Needle

For those of you who don't know, the New Salem Academy in New Salem Center will open in September as an alternative junior and senior high school. The project is moving forward slowly but surely. We have raised about $4,500 out of a $27,500 target, our curriculum committee is making progress, and some major fund-raising letters are going out as of this writing.

Of course, the main thing we want to say is: we need help! A small financial gift would mean a lot, naturally, but volunteers mean even more! Can you help write a grant? Would you be on the Student Recruitment Committee? Make some phone calls ? Do some baking for a special fund-raising event? Organize an event with some friends? Can you type, take things to the printer, or help put our mailing list together?

The more money we raise, the more scholarships will be available to local kids who want to attend. Also, this school will give a lot in return: plays, public forums on issues, scientific exhibits, after-school programs for younger kids, not to mention late afternoon and evening courses open to the public.

Also, we are interviewing prospective teachers. We are particularly interested in people with expertise in Math, History, English, Spanish, and other languages.

If you want to volunteer or teach, please call Nat at 544-7327 or Helen at 544-2207, or write to Nat at P.O. Box 81, New Salem, MA 01355. As always, thanks a million to those who have donated money, time, and/or talent so far! This is happening because of you!

Wendell posting place

COME JOIN US!

Exercise and dance class - Town Hall
Thursday evenings 7-8 p.m. - fee 25¢
Instructor Anna Hartjens (featuring Jane Fonda Program)

Land Transfers

Raymond and Jeanette Ducharme to George and Gail LaBlanc. 1 acre on Montague Rd.

Myron Bowen to Myron and Helen Bowen. 2.333 acres on Mormon Hollow Rd.

Myron Bowen to Myron and Helen Bowen. 8 acres on Mormon Hollow Rd.

Christine Hildreth to Robert and Feral Opely. 40 acres on West Rd.

Walter Jones to Stephen Cowley. 2.5 acres on Bullard Pasture Rd.

Stanley Beretsky to Douglas Dawson. 3 acres on east side of Locke Hill Rd.

Janet Burstein to Georgiana Kish, Sharon Gensler and Anne Dellenbaugh. 16 acres on Bullard Pasture Rd.

Walter and Alice Miller to Victor and Rebecca Miller. 2.6 acres on Wendell Depot Rd.

Gary Holmes to David Ewell. 4.5 acres and building on Stone Rd.

Walter and Alice Miller to Jeffrey Miller. 2.6 acres on Wendell Depot Rd.

Walter and Alice Miller to Faith and Donald Green. 3.3 acres on Wendell Depot Rd

Steven Synder to Susan Goeldner. 5.7 acres and building on Wickett Pond Rd.

Janet Burstein to Georgiana Kish, Sharon Gensler and Anne Dellenbaugh. 2.3 acres on Bullard Pasture Rd.

Alfred Haskins to Mason and Ina Phelps. 110 acres on New Salem Rd.

Births

Ruth Kimberry Sherman was born on July 13 1982 at 2:26 a.m. on Ross Road, Wendell. Congratulations to David George Sherman and Hedwidge Mary Bruyns Sherman.

Kelsey Karine Flynn was born on Sept. 4, 1982 at 10:23 p.m. at Cooley Dickenson Hospital. Congratulations to Harold Matthew Flynn,Jr. and Joyce Elaine King Flynn.

Fire Log

6/14	Paul Diemand - chimney fire
9/14	Reported smoke - Farley
10/23	Elwin Moon - garage fire
10/30	Jim Hiscock - grass/brush fire

Police Log

9-5-82 vandalism at Camp Anderson.
9-6-82 break at Kate Angel, Lock Hill, nothing missing.
9-17-82 Connolly's car broken into while parked on Farley cutoff Rd. nothing taken
10-10-82 seven windows broken at Worths' place on West Rd.
10-13-82 Margo Culley reported gunshot near her house on West St. 10:30 p.m.
10-16-82 break at Town Garage
10-16-82 break at Apollo's in Center
10-16-82 break at State Building at Ruggles Pond
10-19-82 reported a large pack of dogs on Jennison Rd.
11-7-82 break at State Building atRuggles
11-14-82 1 kawaski bicycle found on Sears Rd.
11-19-82 1 female arrested for driving while intoxicated at the scene of an accident Wendell Depot Rd.

Selectman's Minutes

Wendell Town Hall

July 20, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Edward Boland with the full Board present.

The minutes of the June 15th and July 6th meetings were approved. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Ted and Rita Farrell met with Carrol Holmes of the Commonwealth of Mass. Dept. of Natural Resources on Monday to discuss the cemetary land swap.

Dog Officer Tom Bardsley asked the Selectmen and Board of Health to approve the Dog Pit Fence when it is installed.

Voted to return plow parts to New England Municipal and Construction Supply Company. Ted will contact the company.

Voted to officially thank the "Old Home Day" workers and sponsors for a job well done.

Voted to put an article on the next Special Town Meeting Warrant to finish Montague Road.

Ed Boland resigned as Chairman due to personal reasons. Ted Lewis was elected to serve as Chairman until the next annual election.

The Board will meet on Tuesday, July 27, 1982, to work on the Personnel Policy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

August 3, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with Selectman Ken Simos present. Selectman Ed Boland is out of town on business.

The minutes of the July 20th meeting were approved. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

The Board voted to close the Town Hall to all personal and private use until a Town Hall Use Policy is adopted and a custodian is appointed. Regular Governmental functions may still go on.

Denise Piazza asked to use the Town Hall for dance lessons.

Chairman Lewis explained the present situation and advised Ms. Piazza to return at a later date.

Discussed Personnel Policy.

Discussed Highway Dept. work, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

August 17, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full Board present.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

J. Roger Smith, Chairman of the Franklin County Study Committee to the Emergency 911 phone system discussed three areas with the Board: 1. He explained how the system would work. 2. He gave cost estimates based on current knowledge. Installation approx. $1,800. Operation $1,589/year. (Our present fire/police system costs approx. $1,280/year.) 3. To get a letter of intent from the Board.

The Board decided to discuss the system with the Fire Chief and Police Chief before they decided to submit any letter of intent.

Discussed the Town Hall Use Policy. Voted to accept the Town Hall Use Policy as amended. Voted 3 in favor, none opposed.

Doug Simon requested the use of the Hall on September 11, 1982 for his wedding. Request approved.

Appointed Dolores Williston, Town Hall Custodian.

Set date for Special Town Meeting, Tues. September 21, 1982, at 7:00 p.m.

Discussed Personnel Policy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

September 7, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with Selectman Ken Simos also present. The minutes of the August 3rd and 17th meetings were signed. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Donald Mackey asked the Board if they could have a public telephone installed somewhere in the center of town. The Board indicated that they will look into this.

Town Clerk Anny Hartjens and the Board chose ballot clerks for the September 14th Primary ELection : Democrats - Dolores Williston and Jacqueline Ricketts. Republicans - Judy Shaw and Donna Huntington.

Anny requested the use of the Town Hall on Mondays 12-1 p.m. and Thursdays 7-8 p.m. for dance lessons.

Request approved. Deposit will be given to the Custodian. All funds collected will be paid to the Treasurer.

Discussed changes to the Personnel Policy.

Discussed Special Town Meeting articles with the Finance Committee.

Ken Simos read orally a letter written to the Board from Jonathan von Ranson. John Koehler represented Jonathan at the meeting. The Board responded verbally to the letter.

Peter Butcher asked to use the Town Hall piano for practice. Request denied.

Discussed secondary road bridges. Voted to post all secondary road bridges at a 3 Ton Limit.

Discussed raises for full time employees.

Class	Pres. Rate	Proposed
Hwy. Surv./Rd.Boss	6.44	6.77
Truck Driver	5.54	5.93
Laborer	4.54	4.95

Voted the proposed rates 2-0, retroactive to July 1, 1982.

Ted reported that he signed the dumpster contract for another 3 years on September 8, 1982.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

September 21, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with the full Board present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The minutes of the Sept. 7th meeting were signed.

Anne Diemand asked what she can do to get the contra dances the 4th Friday of each month. This will be brought up at the next meeting.

Tom Bardsley reported that the test holes that he dug at the dump are left open.

Recessed at 7:00 p.m. for the Special Town Meeting.

October 5, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Theodore Lewis with Selectman Kenneth Simos also present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

It was noted that the Town of Wendell is no longer represented on the Board of Directors of the Mt. Grace Transportation Area since Mr. Grace no longer provides direct service to Wendell and it appears that they will not be serving us in the future.

Voted to send a letter of intent to J. Roger Smith concerning the E911 phone system.

The Board decided to have the merry-go-round in the school yard fixed. Tom Bardsley will get this done.

The Board of Health wants to use the Town Loader at the dump. The Selectmen want the Board of Health members to meet with them concerning this.

Tom noted that his garage maintenance budget is low. He was instructed to see the Finance Committee on this..

Montague Road. Ted will contact Mr. Hoey about re-starting this project.

Brenda Vincent requested the use of the Town Hall on October 22 and November 26 to hold contra dances to raise money for the Rural Arts Society. Permission granted.

Anne Diemand asked about the progress on the two bridges that connect us with Erving - answer, we are waiting for the State to act.

The Board decided that they will try to make the Farley Bridge better for snow removal and travel before winter.

Daniel Bacigalupo requested the use of the Town Hall on Nov. 20 for the annual Coon Club Supper. Permission granted.

Discussed changes in the Personnel Policy

Voted Kenneth Wing a full time employee on involuntary reduced hours. He continues to have pay and benefits in parody with a laborer catagory on the Highway Dept. in proportion to this reduced wages. 2 affirmative - 0 against.

Discussed part-time employees wages - present rates for labor is 3.85 and Part time Tr. Dr. 4.50. Proposed for labor 4.10 and Tr. Dr. 4.80. New classification Emergency Snow Removal Tr. Dr. 5.50. Voted the proposed rates effective Oct. 1st. Note, labor rate affects Library, Fire and Police personnel also.

Discussed Salt Shed with members of the Town Garage Building Committee.

Signed Special Election Warrant.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Williston, Clerk

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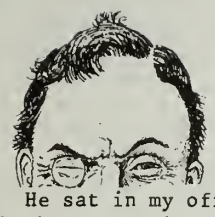


An Eye Toward Winter

Ludwick Benedetti

He sat in my office chair, a rugged man who had spent long hours in the out-of-doors enjoying a sport that had now become more than a weekend pastime. He was an avid skier who couldn't conceive of visiting an optometrist until the last patch of snow had been dissolved by a warm spring rain.

He didn't know when it had happened. Perhaps I was seeing the cumulative damage of several encounters with freezing temperatures made more penetrating by wind and fast downhills.

I ran my finger along the crescent-shaped scars on the top of each cheek. Scar tissue. There was nothing to do now but to adjust the frames; the damage was done. My patient wore metal eyeglass frames - and they were out of adjustment, resting even now on his cheekbones in perfect alignment with the scars. The frostbite that damaged the skin resulted from contact between the cheeks and eyeglass frames.

Fogging lenses, choosing goggles, breaking glasses, frostbite, and choosing lenses for flat lighting and glare are special considerations for winter outdoor enthusiasts who wear eyeglasses. For these people, the discomforts and inconveniences we all experience while skiing are intensified.

My years of experience as an optometrist, a speed-skating medalist, ski patrolman, cross country skier, and certified ski instructor have taught me that many of these problems can be solved - or at least moderated - in the following ways.

FOGGING. Eyeglasses will fog, but non-fogging pastes are available that are used, or are similar to those used by the astronauts. These are available at most optometrist or optical shops and include brand names such as Lensglaze, Lens Kleener, and Anti-Fog Stick. In addition, you can do your part to prevent fogging in some instances. For example, when you blow your nose when outdoors, close your eyes. This will prevent warm air from blowing back out of the puncta (a tiny opening on your eyelid) onto your glasses or goggles, causing them to fog. You might consider wearing contact lenses; they cannot fog because they sit on the surface of your eye and are constantly being lubricated by your tear duct.

GOGGLES. Spend your money for a good pair. I have seen people on the slopes that have frostbite because they are wearing goggles with a hard-plastic rim (instead of soft rubber) that are strapped on so tightly that they have compressed the skin and capillary vessels, restricting the circulation in that area. Goggles specifically designed to be worn over eyeglasses are readily available in most major ski shops. Try them on in the shop, over your glasses, to make sure they don't press on your glasses or sides of your face and cause discomfort. There are double-lens goggles available that have a cut-out where prescription lenses can be inserted. These eliminate the need for additional side pieces that can be just another source of discomfort. A new model eyeglass called the Scubaspec can be attached to any goggle (or scuba mask). It should be available through any optical shop, but if your optician hasn't heard of it, have him contact Scubaspec Incorporated, P.O. Box 22356, Savannah, Georgia 31403, for information. The Scubaspec is a frame with no side pieces. The glass snaps to the inside of your ski goggle on an anchor bracket. It is transferable and practical and brings the glass close to the eye for a greater field of vision. Older models were cemented to front plates that were so far from the eye they limited the field of vision.

SAFETY. Plastic eyeglass lenses are durable, and the new polycarbonate plastic is the toughest material available for your prescription.

FROSTBITE. This is most apt to occur when there is pressure against the skin, particularly by metal. The surface blood capillaries are compressed and that area of tissue is deprived of the warming effect of blood. Metal eyeglass frames that rest on your cheeks can cause frostbite. To prevent this, have the nose pieces adjusted to raise the frame away from the cheeks. This will also permit better circulation of air around the glasses and reduce fogging. Goggles, if strapped too tightly will press your glasses closer to your face with the increased possibility of frostbite and fogging.

SUN AND CLOUDS. A yellow lens is ideal for cloudy days or when the light is flat (contours appear flat). Dark brown or gray lenses are ideal for sunny days. In my experience, I have found it inconvenient to carry two pairs of glasses. My compromise is plastic sunglasses tinted about 50 percent brown. Brown has some of the properties of yellow for haze and flat lighting, and also gives adequate protection if the sun comes out. The new photo-brown-extra glass lenses react to sunlight, being darker on a sunny day and lighter on a cloudy day.

Bright sun and snow bleach our chemicals in the eye that otherwise assist the eyes to adapt to the dark. If sunglasses are not worn on bright days, driving home at night can be tiring and difficult.

Making adjustments so you can see well represents a minute fraction of your total investment in skiing. So many times a skier spends hundreds of dollars on ski equipment, travel, and lodging - flying to Colorado or Europe - only to walk out the door, clamp on his skis, and then not be able to see where he's going. A small investment in the right goggles, some anti-fog fluid, or soft lenses will increase your time on skis and the pleasure you derive.

Dr. Ludwick R. Benedetti is an optometrist by vocation and a ski instructor by avocation. His winter weekends are spent teaching at Crotched Mountain Ski Area in New Hampshire.

On Being Healthy

Maryvonne Kutsch

With the coming of the holidays what better time could there be to talk about digestion? Most people have a tendency to over-consume during the months of November and December(and rightly so because to a certain extent you need more food, at least bulk, in the winter-in our environment). A little knowledge of digestion could help you to regulate yourself and perhaps feel a bit more comfortable. A wise soul evidently said:Drink Less and Live Longer so that you can Drink More. This adage could be adapted to your food intake as well. "Stuffing your face" puts an uncomfortable strain on your body. The long range effects of overeating are obvious but short range effects of overeating are generally not understood.

The familiar effects of overeating(pain in abdominal region,gas,a bloated or full feeling) are caused by various reasons. The pressure on the nerves around a bloated stomach is the cause of most of the pain and if blood vessels that nourish the stomach tissue are constricted then the situation becomes more dangerous.

The digestive system is a long pipe which is considered to be outside your body due to the fact that the food which passes through the tract is not of value unless absorbed by the surrounding tissue. The greatest problem with overeating is that the pipe cannot handle what is coming in and essentially backs up. Carbohydrates (fruits,pasta,breads, vegetables, etc.) leave the stomach quickest of any foods, in one to two hours. As they leave the stomach they are ready to be absorbed by the duodenum of the small intestine. Every food follows this path but some take longer than others. Proteins(animal foods,cheeses,derived proteins) leave the stomach in two to four hours, and fats take four to six hours.

Chewing your food well will help to ease the process of digestion and cut down on the time needed to empty the stomach; moderation in drinking before and during a meal will give more room in the stomach. Keep in mind that if you have a high protein breakfast (which is usually accompanied by high fat) that a high protein midday dinner could be hard to take. Fast a little when you can but don't expect to "gorge" at the next opportunity as your stomach is only so big and has to adhere to the time schedule above.

Holiday Hint: Take that "gone by" apple cider, boil out the gas and simmer with cinnamon and clove (star anise) Add a little rum for fun. If you do not observe any holidays or feasts in the coming months I do not mean to exclude you; please apply this info to your regular "overeating habits" (if you have any) Welcome to our beautiful soul strengthening Winter!

Wendell's Music Scene

by David Boatwright

IN YOUR HANDS, the first full-length LP by a Wendell-based musician, Debbie Fier, was released in November on the Freedom's Music label. The album features ten compositions by Debbie, four of which are purely instrumental works performed with top-flight musicians such as Claire Arenius on drums, Diane Lindsay on bass, and producer Suzanne Shanbaum on guitar accompanying Debbie's acoustic piano. Coinciding with the album's release was a party/concert at the Hotel Northampton on November 14th at which Debbie and a band which included many of the album's featured musicians performed the album's material to a packed house. Look for this album at the Wendell Country Store and at area music and record stores.

Speaking of local record outlets, Dynamite Records in Northampton had a Grand Opening Party on October 27th which featured "live" music from Wailin' Dave Robinson, Klondike, Jeff Bauman and Judith Ann-Marie, among others. Besides having an ever-growing inventory of your favorite records for sale, Mike and Pliny also offer you the opportunity to rent these same albums for a fraction of their retail value, take them home, play them or tape them, and return within 48 hours to either complete a purchase of the record or return. This revolutionary marketing concept apparently has more than a few record company executives in a panic, but perhaps by increasing the amount of music each person can be exposed to for their inflation-shrunk dollar, record rentals, like home taping, will actually increase the audience for styles of music which get little or no airplay on "limited format" radio stations. Stop into Dynamite Records in Northampton and check it out for yourself.

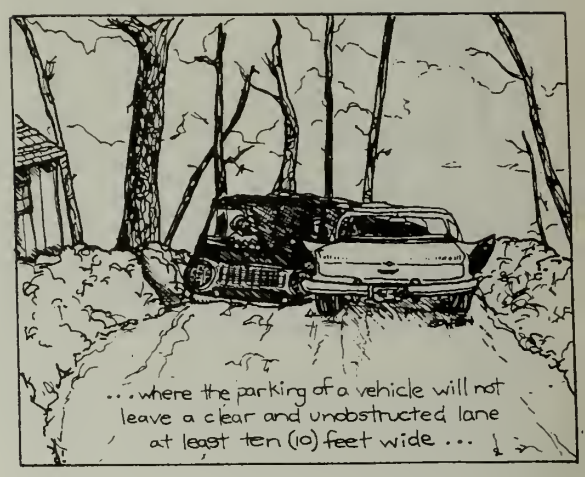
Klondkie reports that although the music festival season is over, Klondike Sound is still busy providing sound reinforcement for some of the best in the business, namely guitarists Johnny Copeland and J.B.Hutto and crooner, Tony Bennett. Next month he will be working with legendary jazz trumpeter Miles Davis at Woolsey Hall in New Haven.

As for the Outerspace Band, they will be re-grouping for their annual "ski-bum" tour which will actually be a four night stand at Maxwell's on the Mountain in Sugarloaf, Maine, the weekend of January 6-9.

While most of the Space band continues to work in and around New York City, Wailin' Dave Robinson has spent the second half of 1982 re-locating in this area in a variety of pursuits. As a solo artist he plays guitar, harmonica and saw and sings at small taverns in the area such as The Cupola in Orange and the Charlemont Inn. He is also playing in rooms like the Hot L Warren in Deerfield with a loose coalition of friends like guitarist Pat Jones and drummer Doug Huntington, and he hopes to be teaching folk and blues harmonica at the Valley Music Studio which is located in the old Gazzette building behind Main St. Mall in Northampton. Anyone interested in taking lessons should contact Dave at (413) 586-2251.

Loose Caboose has been busy working in new bass player Michael Miller and playing a regular schedule of college and club gigs. In November they have shared the bill with Jamaica's #1 toasting D.J., Yellowman, at the Rusty Nail and with the Boston-based Zion Initiation at the Hangar One. Coming up in late fall and early winter will be a supper-dance concert with D.J. Black Lion at the Eagle's Club at 148 St.James Ave. in Springfield on Saturday, November 27th and a special Christmas Reggae Party at the Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield on December 18th. Singer Judith Ann-Marie will appear at both shows.

Jeff Bauman reports that Wendell-based RA records will be releasing a 45rpm record by Northampton-based singer/songwriter Doc Iacovelli. "Doctor j", a humorous tribute to basketball star Julius Erving, will be backed with "The President's on Vacation", a humorous tribute to the President's vacation. Most of the instruments and voices are Doc's own, with some additional percussion by members of Loose Caboose.



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